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**Subject:** City Council Update

We have four action items for your consideration tomorrow evening. The first action item and the following emergency clause is your consideration of the companion Ordinance 1330 that prohibits the use of cellular telephones and hand-held electronic communication devices while operating a commercial motor vehicle. While the City's fine is the same as for non-commercial vehicles the State consequences are more severe for individuals that hold a CDL.

The third action item is to approve a new agreement with the Oklahoma Tax Commission for administration of the City's sales tax and the use tax ordinances. This agreement runs from November 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016. It is automatically renewable for one (1) year at a time, at a retention fee of 0.5% monthly on collected amounts. The piece of legislation that changed the amount from 1% to the now current rate of 0.5% was passed during the last legislative session. It was the culmination of three years of work by the OML and an ad hoc committee made up of representatives of Cities and Towns from across Oklahoma. The committee discovered that the OTC could not justify their retention fees as required by State Statute during the first year and then spent two more years crafting an agreement with OTC that the legislature would pass. Of course the agreement had to include a clause that Cities and Towns would not seek to recover past amounts before the agreement. In any case it means increased revenue.

The fourth and final action item for your consideration is to approve the first phase of our Main Street Revitalization project. We are proposing to install new LED street lamps from the eastern City limits west to approximately 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and from just east of Richland Rd. east to Garth Brooks. This process has been long and arduous, but has produced a quality project. We are asking you to approve a contract with Midstate Traffic Control, Inc. for a base price of \$1,748,985.00. Midstate will internally finance the project payout over a ten year term. The results of the scoring are part of your packets. After we had picked Midstate we found out that the top two people there are Yukon residents. Phase two and subsequent phases, if necessary, would include not only new street lamps but also new sidewalks, roadway improvements, and street landscaping from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Garth Brooks Blvd. Come to find out our Main Street is part of a seldom utilized federal program called Scenic By-Ways of America. J.R. Reskovac found the money for our phase two project, informed the Congressional staff of its existence and got it inserted into the federal highway bill now before Congress. Sen. Inhofe is running the appropriation for us.

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